

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 59

REGULATION GOVERNING TANNERIES

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W. S. §23-1-302, §23-1-701, §23-3-106, §23-3-115, §23-3-401, §23-3-404 and §23-6-111.

Section 2. Regulation. The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission hereby adopts the following regulation governing tanneries. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Commission.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) “Game tag” means Wyoming Interstate Game Tag.
- (b) “Game specimen” means big game animals, trophy game animals, small game animals, game birds, game fish and parts thereof.
- (c) “Wyoming bobcat tag” means a tag issued and affixed by the Department to a bobcat.
- (d) “Tannery” means any person who conducts a commercial operation or business that engages in the processing of raw hides or skins of animals into leather, hair on hides or dressed furs.

Section 4. Game Tags. The tannery shall immediately game tag and complete a Wyoming Interstate game tag affidavit for each game specimen received by the tannery regardless of the place of origin with a game tag, except as otherwise provided by this Section.

- (a) The tannery is not required to game tag game specimens harvested outside the State of Wyoming tagged with a self-locking type tag in the state or country of origin.
- (b) The tannery is not required to game tag specimens from within Wyoming that have a game tag affixed.
- (c) The tannery is not required to game tag any hides and/or capes from any cloven hoof big game animals that the tannery receives, purchases, stores, handles, ships, sells, transports, and delivers if records are maintained in accordance with Section 5 of this regulation.

(d) All game specimens, except as otherwise provided in subsections (a), (b), or (c) of this section shall be accompanied by the game tag, or self-locking tag from another state or country of origin. The tannery may temporarily remove the game tag or any tag from a game specimen to accommodate the processing of the game specimen, provided the hide is marked in such a manner that it can be readily identified. If the game tag or other tag is temporarily removed to accommodate the processing of the specimen, it shall be kept with the work order or invoice for the specimen. If the tannery is not able to attach the game tag or tag to the game specimen, the tannery shall lock the game tag or other tag and shall insure the game tag or other tag accompanies the work order or invoice and the game specimen. When the game specimen is returned to the customer, it shall be accompanied by the game tag and affidavit.

(e) The tannery shall not accept the pelt of a bobcat that does not possess a Wyoming bobcat tag or game tag affixed to the pelt or an export tag issued by another state.

Section 5. Records.

(a) Immediately upon receipt, the tannery shall record the game specimen on forms provided by the Department or on forms approved by the Department, regardless of the place of origin. Records shall be true and correct and shall include the name and address of the person from whom the game specimen was received, date of receipt, description of the game specimen, and any identifying number, including, but not limited to licenses, tags, shipping permits and/or export permits which document the origin of the game specimen.

(b) Immediately upon receipt, the tannery shall record the hides or capes of any cloven hoof big game animals on forms provided by the Department or on forms approved by the Department regardless of the place of origin. Records shall be true and correct and shall include the name and address of the person from whom the game specimen was received, date of receipt, description of the game specimen, and any identifying number, including, but not limited to licenses, tags, shipping permits and/or export permits which document the origin of the game specimen.

(c) Records for the calendar year required by this regulation shall be kept and maintained on the premises until delivered to the Department. The owner or operator of any tannery shall upon request of any Department enforcement personnel exhibit the records required to be maintained and permit inspection of the premises pertaining to the business or operation during reasonable business hours.

(d) The tannery shall mail or deliver the records to the Regional Game and Fish Office in accordance with the address listed in this section in the geographic region where the tannery business is located on or before January 10 of the following calendar year.

Casper Regional Office	3030 Energy Lane, Casper, WY 82604
Cody Regional Office	2820 State Hwy 120, Cody, WY 82414
Green River Regional Office	351 Astle, Green River, WY 82935
Lander Regional Office	260 Buena Vista, Lander WY 82520
Laramie Regional Office	528 So. Adams, Laramie, WY 82070
Pinedale Regional Office	Box 850, Pinedale, WY 82941
Sheridan Regional Office	700 Valley View Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801

Section 6. Approved Forms for Records. Forms for required record keeping shall be furnished or approved by the Department. If designated as a game tag distributor, the tannery shall be furnished with Wyoming Interstate game tag affidavits and game tags by the Department. If the tannery requests and the Department approves, the Wyoming Interstate game tag affidavit may be incorporated into the tannery's invoice forms as long as the required Wyoming Interstate game tag affidavit information and format are not altered. The original copy of the affidavit(s) shall accompany the shipment of the game specimen(s).

Section 7. Return of Game Tags. Persons who no longer operate or perform the services of a tannery shall immediately return all fees collected from the sale of game tags, all unsold game tags and all Wyoming Interstate game tag affidavits and records required by this regulation to the Department. Tanneries that are game tag distributors shall deliver a complete accounting of all game tags sold, unsold game tags, all fees, and completed Wyoming Interstate game tag affidavits from game tags which have been sold, to the Department on or before January 10 of the year following for which the game tags were issued in accordance with Chapter 29, Issuance and Sale of Wyoming Interstate Game Tags.

Section 8. Violation of Commission Regulations. Failure to comply by the provisions of this regulation shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

Section 9. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation is held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of the regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; an, to this end the provisions of the regulation are severable.

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